

I am concerned about
Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair
Broadcasting uses
our public airwaves
free of charge.
They are obligated,
by law, to serve the
public interest.
But when large
companies control
the airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy.

This feels like
propagandizing the
citizenry. Rather
than airing
programming from
"News Central" far
away, it's more
important that we
see real people from
our own communities
and more substantive
news about issues
that matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank
you.

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